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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Confirmation No: 2174

DEL SOLDATO ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Application Serial No.: 09/147,770

Examiner: TRAVERS, R.S.

Filed: April 28, 1999

Attorney Docket No: 026220-00031

For: NITRIC ESTER DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE IN URINARY INCONTINENCE AND OTHER
DISEASES

April 2, 2004

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time of one (1) month for responding to the outstanding official action dated December 3, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), please find attached a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the extension fee for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00031.

Respectfully submitted,

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